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High hope for lift at Redfern

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COMMUTERS, university officials, community groups and local politicians today demanded the State Government install a lift at Redfern train station.

The Lift Redfern campaign wants lifts installed to ensure busy Redfern station becomes Easy Access compliant.

It launched a petition today that aims to collect 10,000 signatures demanding the installation of lifts.

Premier Barry O'Farrell has previously promised any petition signed by more than 10,000 people would be debated in the State Parliament.

With 50,000 commuters passing through every day, Redfern station is the second busiest interchange station and has the seventh most used

entrances and exits, according to campaigner Joel Pringle.

"Yet people with disabilities, older people, parents with young children, pregnant women, people with short-term mobility issues and people with luggage or shopping have great difficulty in accessing or cannot access the station at all," he said.

Redfern station does not have a lift or ramps to platforms, nor does it have wheelchair accessible toilets or car spaces.

The campaign counts Sydney MP Clover Moore, the University of Sydney, the South Sydney Business Chamber and several community groups among its supporters.

Transport for NSW told *mX* today a review of the Easy Access program was under way to "determine the future program for station upgrades".